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► Volunteer Claire Basara is on board at the EHS for the latest cat adoption initiative.

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Good things come in threes for pet lovers

For the first three days of the third month of the year, adoption fees for adult cats at the Edmonton Humane Society have been slashed from \$130 to \$33.33. The cats, over six months of age, are available at the lower price until Saturday.

Education minister pushes for school nurses

► Cost of program not available ► Pilot likely to run one or two years: Lukaszuk



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METRO CANADA IN CALGARY

School nurses could be back in Alberta schools as early as this fall, according to the minister of education.

Thomas Lukaszuk told Metro he sees incredible benefits to re-instituting nurses into the school system and he is actively working on such an initiative.

"(Nurses), sort of through attrition, disappeared over the last 20 to 25 years in our schools," he said. "My first six grades of education were in Europe and we always had a nurse in the school, and I remember them to be very valuable."

Lukaszuk indicated he's working with Health and Wellness Min-

ister Fred Horne to develop the framework to launch a pilot program, which he says could be operating in Calgary and Edmonton schools this fall.

"Obviously proximity to students is important, and early intervention, especially with mental health issues," said Horne.

Lukaszuk said there are opportunities for nurses to provide care to students for a certain portion of the day and serve the broader community after school hours.

"There are a number of roles a public health or community nurse could play in a school," he said. "It's something I'm working on very actively."

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► Intersection Safety Cameras, known for the speed-on-green initiative, clock motorists who run a red light, or speed through an intersection whether the traffic light is red, yellow or green.

Freeze frame on intersection speeders

- Intersection Safety Cameras capture red light, speeding violations
- Cameras back in action last summer after six-month hiatus due to glitch



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Despite speed warnings, statistics show some Edmonton motorists are putting their foot on the gas when it comes to intersections.

Intersection Safety Camera data provided by the city's Office of Traffic Safety shows the average motorist caught by the cameras could be going up to about 20 kilometres per hour over the posted limit.

From last August to the

end of January, the average speed of vehicles caught was 78.98 km/h.

The cameras are in a variety of locations, said Acting Staff Sgt. Barry Moran, noting 78 km/h on Yellowhead Trail isn't bad, but in a 50 km/h zone it is "concerning."

Karim El-Basyouny, city of Edmonton assistant professor of urban traffic safety at the University of Alberta, said speeding through intersections is "definitely unsafe."

"Intersections are much more complex areas for

By the numbers

- According to El-Basyouny, in a head-on collision at 70 km/h, there is 10 per cent chance of a fatality, while the risk jumps to 20 per cent at 80 km/h.
- In a side impact or cross-path collision at 50 km/h,

there is a 10 per cent chance of a fatality. That jumps to 80 per cent at 70 km/h.

- Meanwhile, pedestrians have a 10 per cent chance of critical injury or death when hit at 30 km/h, while such results are almost certain at 70 km/h.

drivers," he said. "Drivers require additional manoeuvres."

In 2010, 47 per cent of the 28,840 collisions occurred at intersections. Of those, 3,311 were injury

collisions and 13 were fatal.

"Typically, there are 32 conflict points, 32 points for crashes (in an intersection)," said El-Basyouny. "While in a roundabout there's eight."

Dog responsible in child's death euthanized

The Airdrie dog that killed a two-day-old infant has been put down.

In a statement released through the RCMP Thursday afternoon, Rob and Rhonda Fradette said the decision was made after consideration of "the best course of action" for the husky and family.

The eight-year-old canine, which prior to delivering one fatal blow to the head of the male child Feb. 15, had no history of aggression, was euthanized Thursday by a vet, the statement read.

Adoption offers had previously poured in from all over Canada.

● METRO

Accused should not face murder charges: Lawyer

The lawyer for a man accused of fatally shooting a woman in the Stadium LRT station in May 2010 said manslaughter is the only charge a judge should consider.

Court heard Colton Ferguson, 21, did not mean to harm Heather Thuermer, 23, who died after being shot in the face at close range following an argument with the accused.

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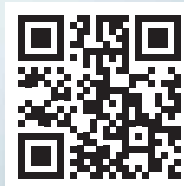
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WATER CONSERVATION

Nestle CEO recognition sparks protest

The move to give Nestle's CEO an honorary degree spurred protest at the University of Alberta on Thursday.

More than 100 gathered outside the Timms Centre, where the event took place.

Peter Brabeck-Letmathe was one of three people, along with U of A professor emeritus Steve Hrudehy and Sunita Narain, a water security advocate from India, honoured for addressing future global water scarcity.

Critics say the company Brabeck-Letmathe heads has been responsible for unethical business practices.

The U of A defended the move, saying he is creating a necessary conversation about water. ● METRO

Chateau Lacombe hotel on the market

An Edmonton landmark, the Crowne Plaza Chateau Lacombe, is for sale. D. Manning and Associates is the firm listing the 307-suite hotel, which went into receivership last November. There is no word on the price. ● METRO

Butcher fined for health code breaches

The former butcher/owner of Beverly Meats was fined \$26,105 for 15 serious health code violations on Thursday. Hans Hilscher, who sold the shop, was not in court to hear the charges dating back to 2004. ● METRO

District 4 cops roll out coffee talks

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

► Const. Rhonda Daub hopes to mingle with residents from her district and share crime statistics, get feedback and give tips for citizens to protect themselves through a weekly meet-up.



► Residents encouraged to divulge crime concerns ► Modelled after Cops at the Carrot on Alberta Avenue



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If you live in District 4 of the downtown division, your Edmonton Police Service community liaison member would like to have coffee with you.

Residents from Central McDougall, Queen Mary Park, Westwood, Spruce Avenue, Prince Rupert and the city airport can now bend their community officer's ear on Thursdays.

Recent trends Const. Rhonda Daub hopes to highlight include licence plate thefts. "Of thefts from vehicles, most are of licence plates," said Daub, who'll be armed with screws that render plates tougher to remove. Citizens can also learn how to report a drug

Coffee and crime

- Residents have an open invitation Thursdays at 2 p.m. at Caffe Sorrentino on 109 Street to get community crime stats and trends and speak to an officer about any neighbourhood concerns.
- A similar initiative at 118 Alberta Avenue is credited with shutting down drug houses, mediation on ongoing noise complaints, and empowering residents to cut crime.

house and net crime protection tips. Sgt. Chris Hayduk started a similar effort, Cops at the Carrot.

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EDUCATION

Parent sees benefits of school nurses

St. Albert mother Doreen Slessor sees the benefits of having a school nurse on site.

When she was a child, nurses were physically present in schools.

"The way I remember (it), if you fell down and cut your leg or if you were on the playground and fell off the monkey bars, you were sent to the nurse's office and triaged," said Slessor.

While none of Slessor's four children have medical concerns, her daughter in Grade 2 with cerebral palsy sometimes has issues though she is not medically fragile.

Should nurses be re-instituted, Slessor is in-

terested to know how it would work.

"I don't see the benefit of having a nurse in one day a week," she said. "Perhaps they could be stationed at School A and also go to School B to help there."

Alberta Health Services nurses are available to schools for immunizations or by request.

Slessor's other kids are in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Slessor said another concern is how the nurses in the schools, whether it be part time or full time, would be paid for.

Should the pilot be a success in Edmonton and Calgary schools, it could spread elsewhere such as the Sturgeon County and St. Albert Protestant school boards, where Slessor's children are enrolled.

● HEATHER MCINTYRE



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Nurses hold role in schools: AHS

► Public health nurses engaged with schools 'on an ongoing basis': Alberta Health Services



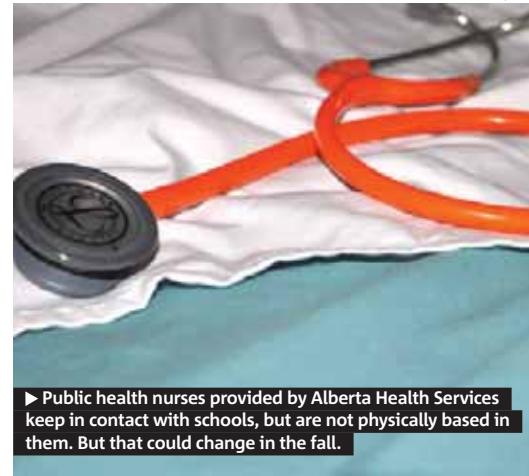
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While nurses are not based in schools, they are available.

Public health nurses are provided for school use, as well as for community health centres, according to Alberta Health Services spokesperson Kerry Williamson.

The AHS staff are assigned a certain number of schools, whether it be Catholic or public, said Lori Nagy, spokesperson for Edmonton Catholic School District.

"They actually don't spend any time in the school," said Nagy. "That's kind of how the role has evolved now. It's just different than it used to be." But they're engaged



► Public health nurses provided by Alberta Health Services keep in contact with schools, but are not physically based in them. But that could change in the fall.

with their respective schools on an ongoing basis, noted Williamson.

Should Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk pilot re-instituting nurses, it

would be like turning back time.

"Back in my day, we used to have a nurse in perhaps one half-day a week," said Nagy.

Nurse notes

- AHS' public health nurses work collaboratively with schools and partners to support students, families and staff.
- They also deliver school immunization programs, and lead communicable disease follow-up by providing related information to schools "and families as required."
- Public health nurses assist healthy school initiatives and health promotion efforts through curriculum resources and awareness opportunities.
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The area, featuring a wealth of 20th-century housing, was developed in 1910 overlooking the North Saskatchewan River Valley in northeast Edmonton, according to the site. ● METRO

Police search for stabbing suspect

EPS is looking for a suspect after a woman, 28, was found stabbed in the area of 155 Street and 107 Avenue at 6:30 a.m., Thursday.

Police said the woman, in serious condition, was allegedly in a two-door red Honda Prelude with a black male in his 20s before she was stabbed and left in an alley. ● METRO

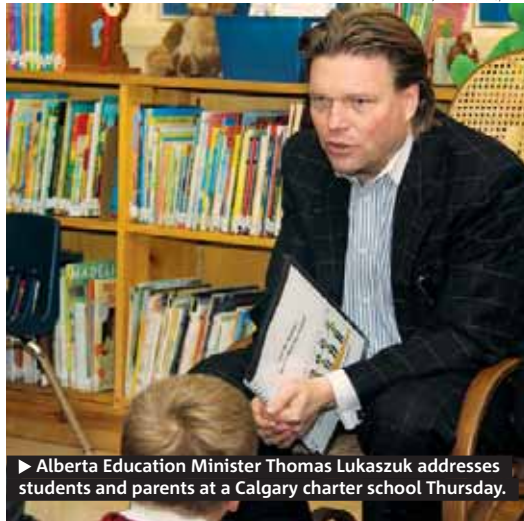
Albertans want MLAs to pay: CTF

An Abingdon Research survey released by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation on Thursday indicates Albertans want MLAs to pay. The CTF said the poll of 801 Albertans showed 79 per cent agree MLA severance or transition allowance should be eliminated. ● METRO

Charter schools get licence to grow

► Alberta the only province to offer publicly-funded charter programs ► Nearly 8,000 students enrolled province-wide, thousands more on waiting lists

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► Alberta Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk addresses students and parents at a Calgary charter school Thursday.

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Enrolment caps for Alberta charter schools will be relaxed, but finding room to cram in more students will likely pose a challenge, the education minister said Thursday.

Thomas Lukaszuk said his government will fully support applications by charter schools to boost their allotted enrolment and is also extending the terms of agreement with such institutions to 15 years, up from the current five-year term.

"Charter schools have a proven track record in Alberta ... we will continue dialoging with all

By the numbers

- 1 Charter schools were first established in Alberta in 1994 and 13 currently operate in the province.
- 2 Lukaszuk hopes extending the term for charter school agreements will allow for better infrastructure planning and peace of mind for parents of students enrolled.

stakeholders in Alberta education and see whether there's room to grow and desire to do that," he said.

But overall growth within current charter schools will be "nominal," Lukaszuk said, likely less than 2,000 additional spaces province-wide.

Parents with children already enrolled said Thursday they know of wait-lists more than double the size of the school's actual capacity.

"I know my kids are lucky," said Shelley Schroh, a Calgary mother with four children enrolled in two charter programs.

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Promises on health care kept: Redford

► Wildrose leader calls premier 'a woman that can't be trusted'

Alberta Premier Alison Redford says she is keeping her promise to get to the bottom of allegations that doctors have been intimidated for speaking up about the province's health care.

But in a telephone news conference, she said it's time to move past those concerns and get on with reforming the system.

"At some point, we have to move ahead and we have to

resolve things," Redford said Thursday.

On Tuesday, Health Minister Fred Horne announced an inquiry to follow up a damning Health Quality Council report of abuse and mismanagement in health care.

But even though Redford had promised a few days earlier that the inquiry would further explore evidence that doctors had been bullied and sanctioned for speaking out,

Horne said it would only be given a mandate to look into alleged queue-jumping for treatments and surgeries.

On Thursday, Redford said her government's inquiry does fulfil her promises, which were central to her campaign for the Tory leadership. If the inquiry decides doctor intimidation and queue-jumping are related, it may look into both, she said.

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► Premier Alison Redford



Public. Protest

► Federal staffers rally Thursday against proposed job cuts.

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

Downsizing disapproval

With a federal budget slated for late March, federal employees rallied over the lunch hour in front of Canada Place on Thursday as part of a National Day of Action against possible job cuts.

Oilsands companies form green team

A dozen of Canada's biggest oilsands companies said Thursday they will share their environmental know-how with one another, breaking down barriers that have slowed improvement on that front.

"None of us has a monopoly on ideas or wis-

12 Canadian oilsands companies have joined forces to share information about green practices.

dom when it comes to the environment," said Steve Williams, the current chief operating officer and soon-to-be CEO of Canada's largest energy company, Suncor Energy.

Williams said the sharing of information will be closely restricted to environmental technologies, and not ones that give companies a financial edge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Full-throttle mystery

- Derailed VIA train had been doing almost 108 km/h
- Switch under investigation requires slowing to 24 km/h

A passenger train that derailed while switching tracks — killing three engineers and injuring 45 passengers — was travelling at almost 108 km/h when it derailed west of Toronto on Sunday, says The Transportation Safety Board.

The speed limit while changing tracks at that particular switch is 24 kilometres per hour.

"While we know the excess speed caused the derailment, this is not the end of the investigation," lead investigator Tom Griffith said Thursday. "It's only the beginning."

"We need to figure out why. We need to understand the environment in which the crew was operating and why they made the decisions they did."

Griffith said the train's black box also shows the

brakes were not applied before the crash.

When asked if track signals to alert the crew were working, Griffith replied: "Were the signals 100 per cent? We don't know that right now."

Still, Griffith said there's no indication the signals were malfunctioning, adding he doesn't know why the brakes weren't applied, or why the speed was as high as it was.

Two of the engineers, Peter Snarr, 52, and Ken Simmonds, 56, both of Toronto, were experienced drivers, each with more than 30 years in the industry. A trainee, Patrick Robinson, 40, of Cornwall, Ont., joined them in the cab to observe. Although Robinson was new to passenger trains, he had 20 years experience with



"We had three experienced people at the front of that train. Why were they doing that? That's what we have to find out."

TOM GRIFFITH, LEAD INVESTIGATOR

freight.

The switch involved requires the train to slow to 24 kilometres instead of the usual 72 kilometres. Still, he added, the signal indication would have been yellow, telling the engineers that they had to reduce the speed.

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School. Protest



► A demonstrator impersonates Quebec Premier Jean Charest blocking his ears and refusing to listen in Quebec City Thursday.

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Students take a stand on high fees

Thousands of students marched to the legislature to protest the government's plan to raise tuition fees to \$3,800 from \$2,200 over the next five years. Many carried signs, while some boycotted classes.

Parties pass the buck on election robocalls

The Conservative party says it didn't use U.S.-based call services to get out the vote in the May election, but the Liberals did.

The Tories say that means they can't be behind allegations of harassing phone calls originating from American area codes during the last campaign, but maybe the Liberals were.

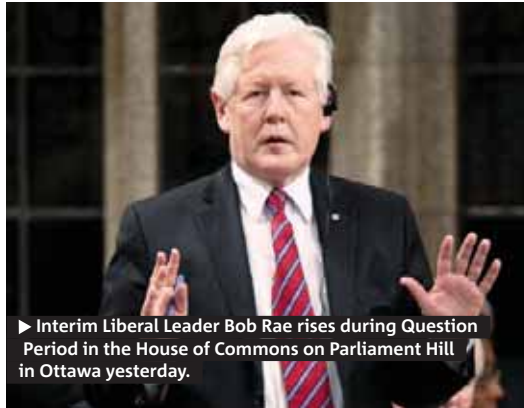
Many people have reported receiving strange calls — some from American numbers — during the May election that either

misled them about polling stations or came at odd hours.

Elections Canada is investigating the origin of calls made in the riding of Guelph, but a stream of people from other ridings are also complaining about suspect calls.

"The Conservatives only use call centres based in Canada," said party spokesman Fred DeLorey.

He said the onus is in the Liberals to prove the calls aren't connected to the dozens of contracts that



► Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae rises during Question Period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

party has with its own calling firms.

In question period, Prime Minister Stephen Harper challenged Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae to produce his evidence about the robocall accusations.

A list being circulated by the Conservatives showed thousands of dollars worth of contracts signed between Liberal ridings and voter contact firms.

As the New Democrats and Liberals pressed the government in question period about suspicious

calls and accusations of electoral fraud, the Conservatives stuck to their standard response that this is a "smear" campaign by electoral losers.

Rae said the Tories were trying to duck the issue.

"The prime minister and his colleagues have a remarkable ability to turn themselves into victims at the same time as they literally smear thousands of Canadians who are now complaining because they are aware of a pattern," Rae said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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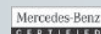


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► Cattle farmer Paul Slomp is shown in a handout photo.

Young farmers face tough start

- Youth have trouble securing much-needed capital
- Number of Canadian farms in steep decline

Cammie Harbottle considers herself one of the lucky ones.

When the 30-year-old began growing vegetables in Tatamagouche, N.S. three years ago, she was able to sidestep two of the biggest hurdles facing young Canadians trying to start a farm: access to affordable land and equipment.

Harbottle was offered a cheap, long-term lease on a large piece of farmland set up as a community land trust by a few friends. She was also able to split the costs of a second-hand tractor and other equipment with farmers using the same land.

- Canada's farms**
- Canada's current agricultural policy, a \$1.3-billion agreement between Ottawa, the provinces and territories signed in 2008, is set to expire in 2013.
 - Advocates are hoping a new agreement is geared toward new, small-scale farmers rather than large-scale industrial ones.

"I was really fortunate," Harbottle said, a native of British Columbia who worked on farms in her home province before heading east.

Others, however, don't have such advantages.

Buying or leasing land, particularly near a city, can be crippling to a farmer just starting out. And many young farmers have difficulty finding a bank willing to lend them money for start-up costs.

At the same time, the age of the average farmer continues to climb.

Roughly 40 per cent of Canadian farmers are over 55, and relatively few young people are entering the farming business. With many of those farmers set to retire, the next decade could be pivotal in determining how Canada produces and consumes its food.

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Taxpayers foot \$12.4M jobs ad ahead of cuts

When Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced this week that March 29 will be federal budget day, the very first words out of his mouth heralded the coming "Jobs and Growth Budget."

If the phrase sounds vaguely familiar, it should.

Taxpayers are footing the bill for a \$12.4-million government ad campaign with one common message: "creating jobs and growth."

"This is nothing more than having taxpayers pay for advertising a policy that should rightly be paid for by the Conservative party."

JONATHAN ROSE, A POLITICAL SCIENTIST AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.



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► Jim Flaherty

Complementary campaigns by Finance Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency ran throughout February and will continue through March, backstopping the Harper government's political message.

"Canada's economic action plan is helping create jobs and growth," says the opening voice-over of two Finance Canada ads, staged

in a fake coffee shop that looks remarkably like a Tim Hortons. The catch-phrase gets repeated twice more in the 30-second spots.

"Tax savings are working for Canadians, helping create jobs and growth," says the central line in each of three tax agency ads from the CRA.

The government's economic action plan website has a banner tag line: "Focused on Jobs and Growth." The banner is just above links to the Finance Canada TV ads. Below that on the web page there's a "jobs and growth blog."

The irony is that the government-wide message — and its taxpayer-funded promotion — comes in advance of a federal budget that Conservative ministers have said could slash spending by as much as \$8 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Car-surfing victim in hospital

A car-surfing incident has left a 19-year-old Ontario man with life-threatening head injuries and the driver facing criminal charges.

Police say the man was standing on the hood of a Toyota as it drove down a street in Ajax, just east of Toronto, on Wednesday night.

Witnesses told police the car braked, sending the man flying off the hood to the asphalt.

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Feds too lenient with tax cheats: Senator

The federal government isn't doing enough to catch tax cheats who stash money in overseas havens, says a Liberal senator.

Percy Downe said the government has the names of more than 100 people who hold millions of dollars in Liechtenstein bank accounts, but hasn't cracked down.

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Gov't's anti-money rules may not be needed

The government is trying to expand Canada's anti-money laundering system without proof the new powers are actually needed, the federal privacy watchdog says.

Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart told a Senate committee Thursday that Canada already has an expensive, secretive and intrusive regime for detecting dubious transactions.

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Meet the flash mob's evil twin

The young man noticed that the Hugo Boss store was staffed by a single sales clerk. He posted a message to the app Foursquare from his smartphone. Thirty minutes later, a mob of 50 entered the store and ransacked it. By the time police arrived three minutes later, the mob had dispersed.

This is the dark side of the flash mob. If smartphone-powered crowds can come together to do a good deed, they can just as easily gather to commit crimes.

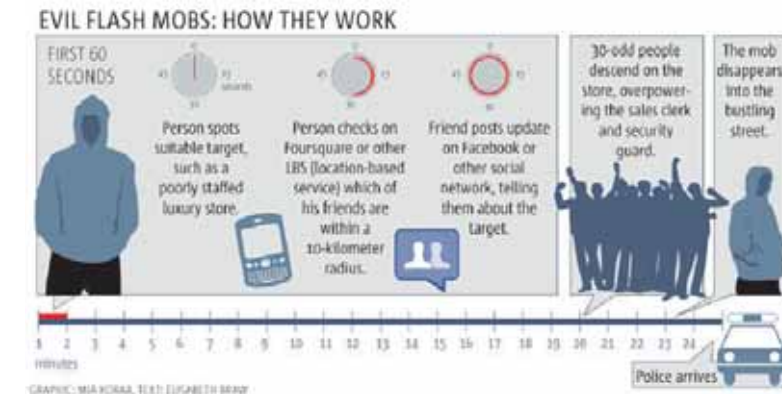
"Criminals don't have worse skills with technology than average citizens," says George Knox, director of the U.S. National Gang Crime Research Center in Chicago. "Gangs use flash

"Gangs use flash mobs for looting. If there's a security guard, he can tackle four to five people, but not 50."

GEORGE KNOX, NATIONAL GANG CRIME RESEARCH CENTER

mobs for looting. If there's a security guard, he can tackle four to five people, but not 50, and most shops can't afford to install security systems."

The 2011 London riots were, in essence, "flash mobs" — impromptu looting of stores organized on social media. Criminal flash mobs, consisting mostly of teenagers, have also attacked stores and residents in Philadelphia,



Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Flash mobs haven't yet taken over city centres, although not for lack of trying.

"The police are getting very sophisticated about

getting information from people's phones," says Daniel Silverstone, a professor of criminology at London Metropolitan University.

Const. Scott Mills of the Toronto Police Service is

among 170 officers who have received social-media training, and whose job it is to root out flash mobs before they happen.

"I'm walking the beat on social media, and that prevents crimes just like a

cop walking the street does," says Mills, also known as Graffiti BMX Cop (@GraffitiBMXCop).

"I look for signs of trouble on Twitter and Facebook, and young people can report things to me on the same media. Users approach me on Twitter and Facebook and say things like, 'Hey, check this out.' Once, a Facebook user told me about a planned school shooting, and we were able to prevent it."

But we mustn't always assume that people getting together have bad intentions, says Clifford Stott, lecturer in crowd psychology at the University of Liverpool.

"After the London riots," he notes, "people used social media to quickly gather and clean up."

Smoke, panic, separation: Three days adrift on liner

The worst moments for Gordon and Eleanor Bradwell on the disabled cruise ship Costa Allegra came immediately after the wail of the general alarm. Eleanor quickly left lunch to get a life vest in the couple's cabin. Gordon was pushed in another direction. The scent of smoke grew stronger. Then the lifeboats dropped.

Some passengers panicked, shouting out family members' names. The Bradwells, of Athens, Ga., feared they wouldn't find each other. "Those were the worst moments," Gordon Bradwell said.

The Costa Allegra docked in the Seychelles on Thursday nearly three full days after a fire broke out in the ship's genera-

tor room.

The fire came only six weeks after the Costa Concordia capsized off Italy, killing 25 people and leaving seven missing, a fact that was on many passengers' minds.

After the general alarm was called off Monday, life settled down on the Allegra. But there were no more hot meals, and the toilets couldn't be flushed



and they quickly filled, blanketing the bathrooms in stench.

Cawan Finn, using a Britishism, summed up the bathroom situation. "I haven't had a whoopsie for about four days now," the 65-year-old said.

But it could have been worse. "We were just drifting ... what if there had been a major storm?"

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Analysis THRILL GAME

CLARK MCPHAIL,
PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY,
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



Currently there are at least two kinds of "flash mobs." The first are criminal actions by small-time thieves who target shops, flood them suddenly, overwhelm clerks, take what they can and leave before police can arrive.

The second are fundamentally political actions by anarchists who hijack demonstrations that provide cover and opportunity, for example, the British student protest marches last year. Upon reaching the high streets

with upscale shops, small numbers of anarchists suddenly emerged from among the marchers to break store windows, create havoc and then flee before they could be apprehended.

Media reports of such events provided models for non-political youngsters to see how often police were ill-equipped to respond quickly. This promised an opportunity for low-cost, high-risk "shopping" in the form of "flash mobs."

Flash mobs

▶ A product of social networking, the first flash mobs took place in 2003, when participants went into a New York department store and asked for a "love

rug," then entered a hotel and burst into applause. The event quickly went global, with freeze mobs, dance-of-the-commuters mobs, human-mirror mobs and pillow-fight mobs.

U.S. Senate votes to require coverage of birth control

A Republican effort to roll back President Barack Obama's policy on contraception insurance coverage was defeated on Thursday in the U.S. Senate.

The 51-48 vote killed an amendment that would have allowed employers and insurers to opt out of portions of Obama's health care law that they found morally objection-

able. That would have included the law's requirement that insurers cover the costs of birth control. The Democrats said the measure would have allowed employers and insurers to opt out of virtually any medical treatment with the mere mention of a moral or religious objection.

Republicans argued that the law should be re-

versed because it violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom by forcing insurers and employers to pay for contraception even if their faith forbids the use of birth control.

Democrats said the amendment, Mo, was an assault on women's rights and could be used to cancel virtually any part of



▶ Republicans were seeking to defeat insurance coverage for contraception on the grounds of religious freedom.

the law.

Both parties were using the issue to rally their bases. Republicans sought to hold together conservatives and others in the midst of an unsettled battle for the presidential nomination. And for Obama, there is no constituency more crucial to his re-election chances than women.

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'Black Madam' arrested for bad butt injections

► Padge Windslowe, 42, injected patients with toxic cocktails ► Superglue, needles seized during arrest

A woman dubbed the "Black Madam" could face charges in the death of a London tourist who re-

ceived illegal buttocks-enhancement injections last year in a Philadelphia hotel, police said.

Padge Victoria Windslowe, 42, was arrested Wednesday night as she prepared to host a "pump-

ing party," where she was to illegally inject clients, according to police.

She faces charges including aggravated assault and deceptive practices after one of her clients, an exotic dancer, suffered serious lung problems after an injection, Philadelphia police Lt. John Walker said. Windslowe was arraigned Thursday and was being held on \$10 million bail, prosecutors said.

Windslowe is a person of interest in the death of the 20-year-old London woman who last year received injections at a hotel near Philadelphia International Airport, Walker said.

He said she will likely be charged with murder in that case if the medical examiner rules Windslowe's injection caused the death of Claudia Aderotimi, who com-

plained of chest pain and difficulty breathing following the procedure. No charges have been filed.

As part of the procedures, authorities said, Windslowe would clean the site and then inject a substance she described as silicone into the client's buttocks. When the procedure was done, she would cover the wound with glue, Walker said.

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► Britain's Prince Charles fires a paintball gun as he meets personnel from The Welsh Guards' 1st Battalion.

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The Prince and the troops

The first day of March was chosen in remembrance of the death of St. David, the patron saint of Wales. The date was declared a national day of celebration in the 18th century.

Cellphone's autocorrect prompts school lockdown

A cellphone's autocorrected text message prompted lockdowns at a

middle and high school in the town of Oakwood, Ga., on Wednesday.

The text had originally read: "gunna be at west hall today." But the phone's autocorrect feature changed "gunna" to "gunman." The change went unnoticed by the sender before the text was sent out.

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Pipeline remains U.S. election issue

► Obama signals change in attitude ► Blames Republican pressure for decision to cancel

TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline was front and centre on the American political stage Thursday as both U.S. President Barack Obama and Republican hopeful Mitt Romney extolled the virtues of the Canadian

project. "It's a fact that we've approved dozens of new pipelines, including from Canada," Obama said in remarks in Nashua, N.H.

The Obama administration signalled a shift in attitude toward Keystone XL

earlier this week when the president praised TransCanada's decision to proceed with constructing the pipeline from Cushing, Okla., to Port Arthur, Tex.

In January, the Obama administration rejected

TransCanada's permit outright, saying it didn't have enough time to thoroughly review a new route.

Romney, meantime, during a campaign stop Thursday in North Dakota, mocked Obama for reject-

ing the Keystone pipeline.

"When someone says we want to bring in a pipeline that's going to create tens of thousands of jobs ... how in the world could you say no?" he asked.

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► Barack Obama



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Metro to add more cities

Metro Canada is expanding to six new cities in April, the news-paper announced Thursday.

Metro will launch a daily print edition in Saskatoon and Regina on April 2, along with a website and mobile news apps for iPhone, iPad and Android.

The company will also launch digital-only in Ontario in Hamilton,

Kitchener and Windsor, and in B.C. in Victoria.

The launches mean Metro products, including the French-language paper in Montreal, will now be available in 15 of Canada's top 17 metropolitan areas.

"I am delighted to lead this remarkable opportunity as we partner with the communities of Saskatoon and Regina," said Steve Shrout, vice-president and group publisher, western Canada.

"We look forward to offering a fresh urban news perspective in Canada's most vibrant Prairie communities."

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Google privacy changes

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► Google's new privacy policy, as displayed on its web site on Thursday.

► Company's new data-collection policy raises concerns ► May be in contravention of European data laws

Google's contentious new privacy policy officially takes effect Thursday, despite some objections from Canada's privacy commissioner and others around the world.

The main concern being raised by most critics is how Google will now start saving user information collected from all its services in one place. For example, users who log into several different services — such as Google.ca, Gmail and YouTube — will have data about all their searches and clicks stored together.

Users can stop this data consolidation from happening by staying logged out when using the search engine or YouTube, or by having separate logins for each different site.

In a letter to Google, privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said users aren't



"You are going to be using the information in new ways — ways that may make some users uncomfortable."

JENNIFER STODDART, PRIVACY COMMISSIONER, IN A LETTER TO GOOGLE

being told enough about how to effectively opt out of Google's new plan.

Google is also facing heat in Europe over the new privacy policy, which France's privacy regulator said is a violation of the European Union's data-protection rules.

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Police: Bombings held up hacking investigation

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► Peter Clarke

Former Scotland Yard counterterrorism chief Peter Clarke told a judge-led inquiry in London Thursday that one of the reasons police couldn't devote much time to investigating allegations of phone hacking by British newspapers was the 2005 London transit bombings.

Clarke was the official

who oversaw the much-criticized initial police inquiry into the phone hacking scandal.

He said the London force was so undermanned it had to enlist 1,000 officers from other departments.

In that context, the in-

vestigation into phone hacking had to take a back seat, he said.

"Invasions of privacy are odious, and sometimes illegal, but to put it bluntly, they don't kill you," Clarke said. "Terrorists do."

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Canadians spending more time online

Canadians can't seem to shake their addictions to the online world and are spending more time than ever on the Internet — about 17 per cent more than users in the U.S., according to a comScore re-

port released Thursday.

The average amount of time Canadian Internet users spent online in December was 45.3 hours, up about four per cent from December 2010. That's an extra three minutes a day.

The Canadian total is about 17 per cent more than the average 38.6 hours Americans were online in December, and about 28 per cent more than the average in the U.K.

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Fewer Canadians investing in RRSPs

- ▶ Canadians worried about economy wait to contribute
- ▶ Pension crisis looms as more older workers retire

Slightly fewer Canadians contributed to their RRSPs this year, but those who did invested a little bit more, says a Bank of Montreal retirement expert.

A bank survey showed about 38 per cent of Canadians had contributed or planned to put money into an RRSP before Wednesday's midnight deadline for the 2011 tax year.

That was down slightly from 39 per cent the year before and close to 38 per cent for the 2009 tax year.

Worries about the stock market, weakening job prospects and the slumping economy have made

By the numbers

- ▶ A recent survey by Scotiabank found that just two in five Canadians — roughly 39 per cent — said they planned to contribute to an RRSP for 2011 tax year.
- ▶ That's down sharply from 53 per cent a year earlier.
- ▶ Retirement saving responsibilities have been shifting onto individuals as companies cut back on their pension offerings in a move to save money.
- ▶ Meanwhile, Canadians are racking up debt and drawing down on savings, causing some experts to sound pension alarm bells.

many Canadians cautious with their money. Yet there hasn't been a big decline in the popularity of the tax-deducted RRSP retirement account.

It's been pretty much consistent for the past three years," said Tina DiVito head of the BMO Retirement Institute. "It's good news that it hasn't significantly declined."

"The numbers this year were a little bit lower than last year, which can be a bit of a concern, but they're not so significantly lower that it's something that we can't recover from."

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Bratz. Attack



▶ This file product image provided by MGA Entertainment shows part of the 2010 collection of Bratz dolls.

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Bratz maker scores legal reprieve

Mattel Inc. appealed a \$310 million award in its eight-year legal fight over Bratz dolls but will no longer pursue its claim that a rival toy maker infringed on its copyright by developing the lucrative line

Canadian auto sales keep growing

Some of the world's largest automakers saw Canadian sales grow by double digits last month as more customers flocked to showrooms shopping for new vehicles.

A spike in gas prices has sent more consumers look-

ing for fuel efficient vehicles, while the average age of vehicles on Canadian roads reaches new records, leading to an increased need to replace aging vehicles.

Meanwhile, interest rates remain at low making auto loans cheap. And Japanese automakers have largely recovered from a disruption due to last year's earthquake and tsunami.

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Nexopia blasted for lax privacy

Canada's privacy czar says popular social networking site Nexopia breached federal privacy law.

Jennifer Stoddart's office makes dozens of suggestions in her report.

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► Two women have dinner at a free meal centre in Pamplona, northern Spain, Thursday.

EU unemployment rate skyrockets

► Spike in job losses threatens recovery ► Spain has highest unemployment rate in 17-nation eurozone

Unemployment in the 17-country eurozone unexpectedly spiked to 10.7 per cent in January, its highest rate since the euro was established in 1999, while inflation pushed beyond the European Central Bank's target, official figures showed Thursday.

The increase reported by Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, was much more than expected. The consensus in the markets was for the rate to remain unchanged at December's previously

reported rate of 10.4 per cent. Instead, December's rate was instead revised upward to 10.6 per cent.

Europe's unemployment rate has been steadily ticking up all year as the wider economy wanes in the face of a protracted debt crisis that's meant widespread austerity measures being pursued across the single currency zone. Spain had the highest unemployment rate in the eurozone at a massive 23.3 per cent, while Greece's had edged

up to 19.9 per cent in December, the last available figures for the debt-ridden country.

The statistics office also revealed that inflation across the eurozone ticked up in February to 2.7 per cent from 2.6 per cent the previous month. Again the increase was unexpected and takes inflation further above the European Central Bank's target of keeping price rises at just below 2 per cent.

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ECONOMY

EU leaders tackle budgets

Europe's leaders travelled to Brussels Thursday, hoping to chart the continent's way back to growth as figures showing unemployment in the 17-country eurozone spiking to its highest level since the euro was established in 1999.

While the two-day summit is for once taking

place amid relative calm on financial markets, Europe's population is only starting to feel the full impact of the massive budget cuts and economic uncertainty of the past three years.

Policymakers across Europe have made spurring growth and jobs their new mantra, but so far their proclamations have yielded few results. Many economists want governments to stop slashing budgets, warning that more cuts will further destabilize the economy and make

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EU summit

► Separate from the EU leaders' summit, the finance ministers of the eurozone are meeting to check on Greece's progress in implementing promised spending cuts and economic reforms.

► Those measures are part of a much-publicized precondition for the country receiving a first batch on money from a \$173 billion bailout Athens needs to avoid bankruptcy.

Canada shrinks deficit: StatsCan

Net income improved in final quarter of 2011

Canada's current account performance with the rest of the world improved slightly in the latter part of 2011, but remains in a significant deficit for the third straight year.

With all data in, the country's net income position covering merchandise trade, relative exchanges in services such as travel, and inflows and outflows of investments improved to a deficit of \$48.3 billion in 2011, Sta-

tistics Canada said Thursday.

That was slightly weaker than expected and remains not far off the record \$50.9-billion shortfall set in 2010.

The improvement came mostly in the final quarter, when a bump in merchandise trade help shrink the seasonally adjusted deficit by \$2 billion to \$10.3 billion.

That suggests Canada's economy ended the year

on a strong footing, said economist Francis Fong of TD Bank, who is calling for a better than consensus fourth-quarter output gain of 2.5 per cent when the figure is released Friday. "Going forward, recent improvements in the European debt crisis and the U.S. economy could likely lead to further improvements in the current account deficit in the months ahead," he said.

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Account Trend

After about a decade of surpluses, 2011 was the third consecutive year of large shortfalls.

- ▶ While the red ink is fading, analysts don't expect a return to the positive side of the ledger any time soon.
- ▶ For the year, the current account gap represents about 2.8 per cent of gross domestic product, not much better than the U.S.'s 3.1 per cent estimate.

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Hydro bike hits expo

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AND IN OTHER TWITTER NEWS ...

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1 **Gordon Lightfoot:** The iconic singer is releasing a new album, *Massey Hall Moments – All Live*, on April 17th from his concerts at the historic Toronto venue over the years. And tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. at masseyhall.com for his gigs there this November. But if you could read my mind, you would've known that already.

2 **@AngiesRightLeg:** The Oscars were a dud, if not for Angelina Jolie's right leg. She displayed it prominently — and cheekily — in a black velvet dress with a thigh-high slit, and someone created a parody *@AngiesRightLeg* on Twitter that night, with tweets like "You have to admit I'm one hell of a leg." It now has more than 40,000 followers. No word on how Angie's left leg feels.

3 **Me to We leaders:** Founded by the brains behind Free The Children, Craig and Marc Kielburger, the Me to We organization — which encourages people to become involved in positive change to the world — has Take Action summer-camp academies in cities across Canada to teach leadership to youth. For more info, go to Metowe.com. Be the change.

4 **Rob Delaney:** This L.A. comedian wasn't really known until he became famous on Twitter (*@robdelaney*) with his (NSFW) comic tweets that have generated 335,000 followers, and now he's developing a show based on his Twitter account for Comedy Central called *@robdelaney*. "This is no \$h! My Dad Says" would be a good punchline on the show.

5 **Brian Burke's trade deadline:** The Leafs GM said, "I think the trade deadline is hard on players, but I think it's murder on players in Toronto," and his staff had even talked of instituting a 10-day trade freeze in the buildup to the deadline to relieve Leaf players of trade stress. I'm playing the world's smallest violin right now for you, Brian.

6 **Twitter dictates:** Sir Richard Branson on Twitter inventor Jack Dorsey in the new issue of *Fast Company*: "By inventing Twitter, Jack may have well brought down dictators in North Africa and the Middle East. That's not bad going for one guy." Absolutely.

7 **NASCAR driver tweets:** When Brad Keselowski was delayed with other cars during a Daytona 500 race this week, he tweeted via *@keselowski* from inside his car while he waited for the race to resume. And he tweeted again after a crash late in the race. He may not have won Daytona, but he tripled his number of followers, going from 65K to 200K.

8 **Ginger Ale on plane:** It might well be because people associate it with treating motion sickness (it settles the stomach), but have you ever noticed that basically 50 per cent of people on a plane order ginger ale? Outside a plane, you rarely see someone order it. Unless it's with rye. Tall observation to finish your week.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (*@neilmorton*).

Register at metropolitanpanel.ca and take the quick poll

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Local tweets



- **@CBCEdmonton:** Dog EHS saved who had a broken leg & was nursing puppies and one kitten; her story on CMT tomorrow!
- **@yourAGA:** Opening one week from tomorrow: Alberta Mistresses of the Modern: 1935-1975 and Art School: Banff 1947.
- **@CityofEdmonton:** Feeling some intense passionate love for #yeg today? Enter @EdmNextGen's Love Letters to Edmonton Contest!
- **@alexglee:** Co hosting #yegtweetup in 10 days with @TamaraStecyk. It's gonna be fun! Does #YEG want me to bring BC sunshine?
- **@FCEdmontonNow:** Keep the suggestions coming! What is your beverage of choice for the #FCEd 2012 home season? #yeg #standunited2012
- **@hanniehines:** I want to throw up, pass out, wake up and throw up again #ihateairports wanna be in #yeg already.
- **@jamesschutz:** Werd. RT @edmontonjournal: Gallery: Best Old House neighbourhoods in Canada includes Edmonton's The Highlands. #yeg

Daily Zoom



Culinary rebellion

A cook that plays with his food

Emile Picard samples some fresh maple syrup poured on snow at the Au Pieds de Cochon sugar shack Thursday in St-Benoit-de-Mirabel, Que., but don't tell the folks at this Ottawa winter festival about Martin Picard's latest creation.

If organizers forbade him from serving foie gras at last year's event because of a backlash by animal-

rights activists that prompted him to cancel his appearance altogether, it's unlikely he'd be invited back to cook his new dish, named "Confederation Beaver" — that is, the buck-toothed national emblem stuffed with its own tail in a slow-cooked sauce of cream and pig's blood.

The second cookbook from the celebrity Montreal chef emphasizes a philosophy of cuisine that made him a hero to like-minded foodies. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sugar Shack



A lobster and smoked-meat omelette is one of the featured menu items at the Au Pieds de Cochon sugar shack. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

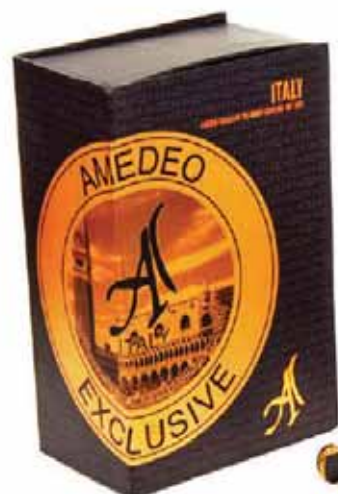
A must-read

The cookbook has a section with lessons such as how to skin the fur from forest rodents and how to braise a beaver's tail until it's suitable for stuffing.

It also contains an illustrated history of sugar shacks filled with anecdotes, a guide to producing maple syrup, a story envisioning a post-apocalyptic world where all that's left is the sugar shack, and more. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Synopsis

In this adaptation of Dr. Seuss's most serious book, 12-year-old Ted (voice of Zac Efron), hopes to impress a girl (Taylor Swift) by giving her a tree. You see, she's never seen a real one because they live in Thneedville, a town where everything is fake. Even the trees are battery operated. His search for the tree leads him to the Once-ler (Ed Helms), the keeper of the last tree seed, who tells him about The Lorax (Danny DeVito) and why all the trees disappeared.

Ratings:
Richard:
Mark:



► Kids will like the cute creatures in The Lorax.

Reel Guys

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One for the trees

► The Lorax is light on plot, but still carries the strong pro-environmental overtones that made the Dr. Seuss story controversial

Richard: Mark, by and large, I liked The Lorax. It has some good characters, a strong central message for kids (particularly if they are interested in gardening) and some good laughs, but I left the theatre with the unshakeable feeling that it would have made a better short film. At 70 pages, the book doesn't quite offer up enough to fill out a feature length movie. It felt padded and not quite what the Dr. Seuss ordered. You?

MB: It wasn't the padding that bothered me as much as the hectoring tone of its pro-environmental, anti-

entrepreneurial message. Finally, a film for the whole Socialist family! But the great eye candy and production numbers puts this kid flick in the plus column for me. Surely you liked the chorus of singing goldfish?

RC: The goldfish are part Andrews Sisters, part Greek Chorus and are the best thing in the movie. Loved them, and I liked much of the movie, but it just didn't feel Suessy or Seussian, or whatever the word would be, enough. Kids will like the cute creatures and the Lorax's giant orange handlebar 'stache, but for me it was too fre-

netic to be considered a faithful translation of a Seuss book.

MB: I never read the book so I had no expectations. I guess the obvious thing that's missing is Seuss' trademark rhyming dialogue. But I thought the movie was true to his visual style. And I was grateful that it was animated rather than those horrible live action Seuss adaptations using over-cafeinated comedians.

RC: Tell me about it. The best Seuss adaptation starred horror legend Boris Karloff! The Grinch Who

Stole Christmas is the benchmark; it really brings the good doctor's characters to life. The Lorax, for all its charms, doesn't really feel like Dr. Seuss. It just doesn't feel green-eggs-and-hammy, or in non-Seuss terms, magical enough. Do you think kids will like it? Will they get the 'save the planet' message?

MB: I think it's aimed at kids four to nine. The message is so explicit it would be hard to miss. Parents can enjoy it for the visual imagery and pop culture jokes. But it doesn't have the depth of a Pixar film or classic Disney.

Scene in brief



The Hunger Games author Suzanne Collins has given a big thumbs up to the upcoming film version of her million-selling dystopian novel. In a message that appeared Thursday on the Facebook page of The Hunger Games, Collins wrote that she was "really happy" with the movie. She praised director Gary Ross for remaining faithful to the book. The film will be released March 23.

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► John Carter hits theatres next Friday.

Movie reviews

**Project X**

Genre: Comedy
Director: Nima Nourizadeh
Stars: Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper, Jonathan Daniel Brown

Costa, Thomas and JB are three nerdy high school kids who, like every other high school kid in every other high school movie, decide to throw a house party that will get them noticed and attract otherwise unattainable ladies.

Thomas (Mann),

whose parents are out of town for the weekend, wants to throw himself a birthday bash that will be "big enough to be cool." He figures 50 people maximum should do the trick. But his foul-mouthed friend, Costa (Cooper, who makes Jonah Hill in *Superbad* look saintly), has other plans.

He spreads the word through every medium possible — including Craigslist — and suddenly this cool-but-manageable party gets

absolutely out of control (think the nights the Hangover guys can't remember, but with more drinking, drugs and damage).

Though you've probably heard all the jokes before in any number of the teen party movies that have come before it, you've never really seen a party like this one. Project X, after all, tells the story of "the most epic high school party ever."

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Taylor Kitsch is well aware that a lot is riding on 2012 for him, career-wise. With lead roles in a pair of presumed blockbusters — this month's *John Carter* followed by *Battleship* in May — and Oliver Stone's *Savages* later this year, Kitsch is set to have his status in Hollywood solidified one way or the other. But he has other things on his mind — and a house to finish.

Your face basically is the marketing campaign for John Carter.

Yeah, yeah. I mean, that is something you never, ever get used to. I think it really is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of year for me coming up with these three films. It's insane. I think it's also a cool moment just to have within yourself, like it's really come full-circle for the most part through the struggle or whatever it was to get to this point.

Being the title character in a potential franchise, how is it to watch the marketing campaign at work and have no control over it?

I think you just nailed it, I

don't have control over it. I mean, I just can't wear so many hats. I'm so on the inside — obviously, being him — but there's things, yeah, that I would love to have seen different. There's also things that they've done that have opened my eyes to it in a different way. So, I mean, I really don't have power on it at the end of the day...

There's a lot of you on display in this film. Did you ever wish that he'd discover a shirt or a pair of pants somewhere on Mars?

I loved the *Civil War* Carter, put it that way. (laughs) It's ... exposed, to say the least.

You've been trying to mix big and small films in your career. What's the strategy for that?

I can tell you. From day one, it's been keeping it simple, working with people that will empower and make you better at the end of the day and doing character-driven roles. That's not going to change. At this point, I just simply won't work. Because it's so much f—ing energy, and it's so much that you put into it, that if you're not waking up ready and willing to give everything you have for it, it just ain't

worth it. So I'd rather just do a lot of other things if that's the case.

You've referred to living in Austin as "staying out of the s---" and avoiding the trapings of Hollywood. How do you manage that?

I think because of having a later start and knowing who I am and being grounded within myself, I don't need that to be validated. That's a big thing for me, and I truly am in it for just the work. Even at the beginning, people were like, "Maybe you should go to this party to meet this guy," and I never wanted to or never will get a job that way — to schmooze, to do this and that. I'll get it through my work. That's the way I am, and Austin is just an amazing escape.

And being Canadian doesn't hurt, right?

Yeah, my Canadian upbringing, man. My mom raised us three boys by herself. To say the least, we didn't have a lot of money. And it's the core things that truly matter at the end of the day anyways, so to be in front of all that stuff, you're able to laugh at it rather than need it. That's the difference.



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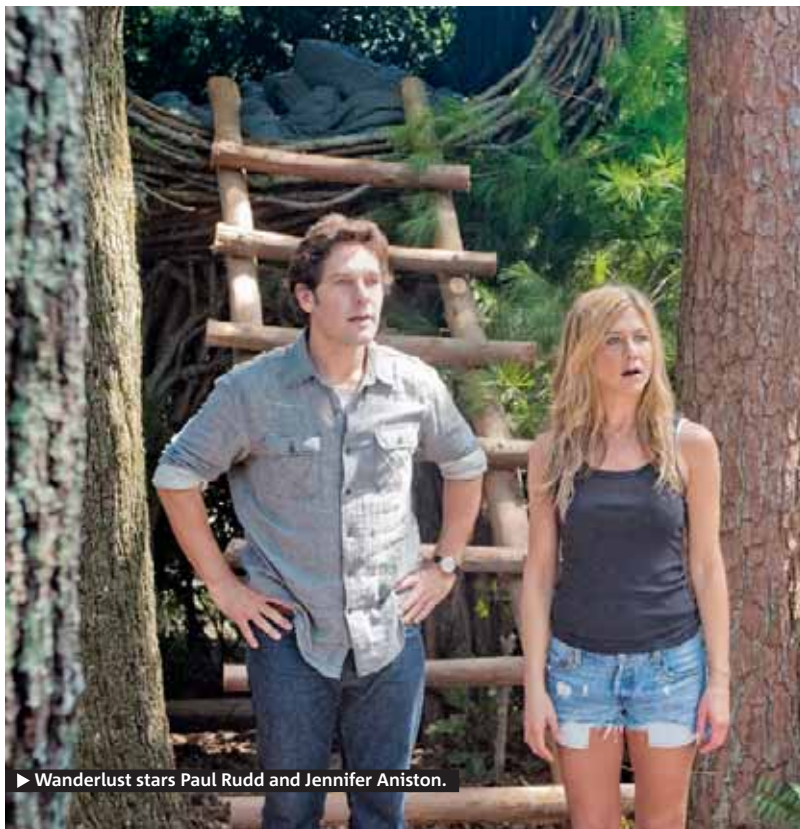
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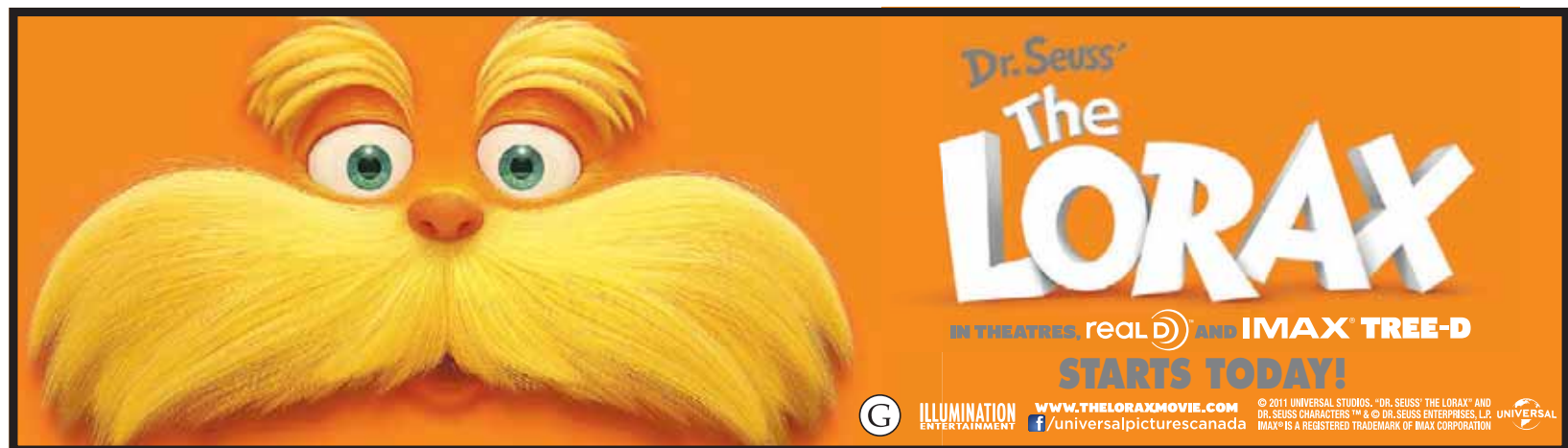
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TV picks

► Canada's Got Talent
airs SundayHome-repair
service on trial

INVESTIGATION.

Homeowners will want to tune in to Friday's Marketplace as it investigates the practices of Canadian home-repair services. With hidden cameras set up in a home, reporter Tom Harrington brings in repair workers for common house problems to test their prices and quality of work. (CBC).

J.Lo and
ex-hubby team
up for show

TALENT SEARCH. How are former spouses Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony getting along amid their separation? Find out when their new talent series, *Q'Viva! The Chosen*, debuts Saturday. Lopez and Anthony, who announced last summer they were ending their marriage, star alongside director/choreographer

Jamie King. In the show, the three travel to 21 different Latin American countries to search for artists for a live entertainment program. (Fox, TLN).

Searching for
Canada's best

COMPETITION. Canada's Got Talent debuts Sunday with Part 1 of the Toronto auditions. Citytv personality Dina Pugliese hosts while Martin Short, Measha Brueggergosman and Stephan Moccio sit on the judging panel. They're looking for performers of all types, from comedians to contortionists to singers. (Citytv).

The story
of Grapes

HOCKEY. Meanwhile on Sunday, it's Part 2 of CBC's profile of Hockey Night in Canada co-host Don Cherry. In *Wrath of Grapes: The Don Cherry Story II* — which begins Sunday and wraps up next week — we learn about his later years, when he became an outspoken media figure. Jared Keeso reprises his Gemini Award-winning performance as the Coach's Corner personality. (CBC).

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Sunday school
for grown-ups

► GCB promises to provide 'something different' to viewers

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Though Christian groups are up in arms over the arrival of the new drama GCB, series star Annie Potts sees little to offend in the church-set drama.

"I don't think we're going to burn in hell for this," says Potts (*Ghostbusters*, *Designing Women*).

"On the contrary, I think the angels will be applauding that someone has found a new way to deliver a Sunday school lesson. It's a lot more palatable than someone giving you a finger-shaking."

Based loosely on the book *Good Christian Bitches* — changed to *Good Christian Belles* for TV — GCB follows former "mean girl" Amanda (Leslie Bibb) as she returns to her Dallas home after a very public scandal. Unfortunately,

she finds her church-centered community anything but welcoming or forgiving, setting up a confrontation with her high school rival Carlene (Emmy-winning Kristin Chenoweth).

Potts plays Gigi, Amanda's overbearing, gun-toting mother. Gigi wants to reshape Amanda and her children in her own, hard-drinking, church-going image.

"She (Gigi) is a very straight forward, plain-spoken woman. Very much what you see is what you get. She's right out there," says Potts. "But she welcomes her beautiful daughter back with open arms, which — among other things — is the Christian thing to do."

The actress says she was attracted to the role by the opportunity to work again with writer/creator Robert Harling (*Steel Magnolias*).



► Annie Potts

"I saw the title, saw that Bobby had written it, and immediately said I think there might be something in there for me."

For Harling, who also wrote such women-centered movies as *Soapdish* and *First Wives Club*, GCB marks his first foray into television.

"I'm Christian myself," says Harling. "And I thought it would be a fascinating arena to build a

show around a church. And I think the network (ABC) has been very brave and supportive. They really wanted something different; something they'd never seen before. Which is like fuel to a writer."

"Even though it's set among some of the richest people in the world, I think it reflects society today in America. People will find a lot to identify with."

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Turning nothing into something — sort of

► Amateur performers get crash course in theatre for Way Off Broadway

Granted, the amateur performers who pour their heart and soul into a musical production of *The Wizard of Oz* on Bravo's *Way Off Broadway* are a little rough around the edges.

But that's to be expected from a group of theatre wannabes better known in their own circles as a dentist, high school teacher, real estate developer and health-care administrator.

At recent rehearsals for TV's newest reality-singing series, many of the would-be entertainers said the prospect of belting out show tunes for a live and televised audience is a dream come true.

"I'm actually thinking this just might be something I want to do (full-time)," gushed gregarious soccer mom Sandra McKinnon, who works for IBM in a Toronto suburb but has had a lifelong love of music.

It's that kind of unbridled enthusiasm that show creators hope will draw everyday dreamers to *Way Off Broadway*. Over the course of eight weeks, novice crooners are



► Bravo's *Way Off Broadway* debuts Friday.

Live theatre tips

Acclaimed director, dancer and performance coach Sarina Condello, from Bravo's all-new original series *Way Off Broadway*, gives advice to Canadians on how to pull off a great live theatre performance

- **Tip #1** Acting is nothing more or less than playing. The idea is to humanize life so play and have fun with the role.
- **Tip #2** For live theatre, you must overact your part to some degree in order to produce any effect at all.
- **Tip #3** Take notice and pay attention. Always be aware of things happening

around you so listen intently and react!

- **Tip #4** Always remember that you are showing a story, not telling it. Each movement, each breath, and each spoken line contribute to your performance.
- **Tip #5** Fall in love with the moment and trust the process 100 per cent.

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MUSIC RELEASES FOR SPRING

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Now that spring is within sight, plans are well underway when it comes to some major releases that will be with us well into the fall and toward Christmas. And there are some big names on this list.

Bruce Springsteen and The E-Street Band/Wrecking Ball (Tuesday)

The Boss' 17th studio album is an angry affair, a protest against the things and the people that brought about The Great Recession on America. Springsteen says that the record has a lot in common with 1982's Nebraska.

Meat Loaf/Hell in a Hand-

basket (Mar. 13)

Yes, Mr. Aday is back, although fans know that this record was released in Australia back in the fall. Co-writers on the record include Dave Kershner (Velvet Revolver) and Canada's Tom Cochrane.

Chris Brown/Fortune (Mar. 16)

Despite a heavy effort to rehabilitate his image after the Rihanna incident, things haven't been going all that well. What will the marketplace say when his fifth album comes out in a couple of weeks?

Adam Lambert/Trespassing (Mar. 20)

Second album from the American Idol dude just before he goes on the road as the new lead singer for Queen this summer.

Madonna/MDNA (Mar. 27)

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big boost with a world tour and this new album. However, Give Me All Your Luvin' has, shall we say, been something of a disappointment for her and Interscope, her new label. Was that a stumble out of the gate or the portent of something more dire?

Nicki Minaj/Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded (April 3):

One of Minaj's alter-egos, Roman Zolanski, returns with some new adventures. No, I didn't

get the Grammy performance, either.

Bonnie Raitt/Slipstream (Apr. 10)

Ms Raitt's 16th album and her first since 2005. Will she have her first gold album in a decade?

Train/California 37 (Apr. 17)
The Drops of Jupiter/Calling All Angels band from San Francisco return after three years hoping for more American Music Awards and Grammy nominations like they got last time.

Jack White/Blunderbuss (Apr. 24)

After an entire career of working within bands (White Stripes, Raconteurs, Dead Weather) or working behind the scenes with older stars (Loretta Lynn, Wanda Jackson, Tom Jones), Jack is finally putting his own name front-and-centre. He's off to a great start with the first single, Love Interruption.



► Chris Brown's new album Fortune is slated for release on Mar. 16. With all the attempts to remake his image it will be interesting to see how his latest effort does.

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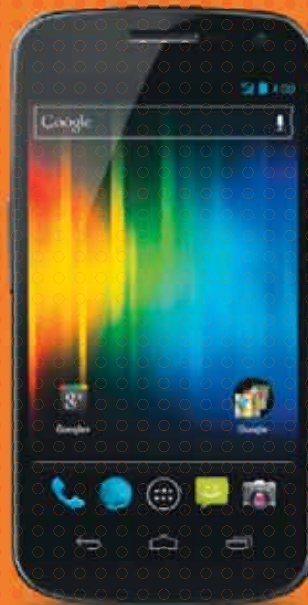
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Happy birthday indeed, Bieber



▶ Justin Bieber

► Seems like just yesterday he was a fresh-faced kid singing his heart out on YouTube ► Justin celebrates his 18th year by spending big money

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Happy birthday indeed, Bieber.

When you're the most famous 18-year-old in the world, cake ain't cutting it. No, Justin Bieber had a much better Thursday than you did.

Let's start with the gifts. On Wednesday, Bieber's manager stopped by The Ellen DeGeneres Show to surprise him with a Fisker Karma — that's an eco-friendly sports car for all of you Kia drivers — estimated to be worth at least \$100,000.

As for himself, Bieber is looking to buy two L.A.-area mansions priced between six and eight million dollars, according to TMZ.

Yesterday, we can only assume that he drove his new car to scope out his potential new Hollywood pads — when he wasn't parachuting or hitting up his dinner party, that is.

Justin! The whole point of being 18 is that you don't yet need to buy things to make you happy.

Have fun, kid, but we hope you have some serious funds set aside for 28.

● MONICA WEYMOUTH/DOROTHY ROBINSON WILL RETURN TUESDAY

Finally... celebs who give their baby a normal name



▶ Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner

Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck have revealed the name of their newborn son. "We are happy to announce on Feb. 27, Jennifer gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Samuel Garner Affleck," the proud dad posted on Facebook. Samuel joins sisters Violet and Seraphina. ● METRO

Now that's a nip slip

Beyoncé turned heads recently during a lunch date in New York's West Village when she was spotted breastfeeding her newborn daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, according to Us Weekly. Three different sources reported to the magazine that they saw the singer feeding Blue at the



▶ Beyoncé

table while having lunch at Sant Ambroeus over the weekend. ● METRO

Celebrity tweets



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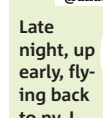
Hubs holding my hair while I Nettiepot - that's love.

@ConanOBrien



You see a lot of celebrities here at the Warner Brothers gym. Clint Eastwood can scowl more weight than I bench.

@andersoncooper



Late night, up early, flying back to ny. I woke up in hotel completely disoriented, had no idea where I was. Kind of cool feeling actually

The cheesy side of food

Cheddar Shortbread Diamonds make elegant nibbles to enjoy with wine

Preparation:

1 In food processor, pulse red pepper until finely chopped. Add Canadian Old White Cheddar cheese, butter, flour, sugar, chili powder and salt. Pulse until dough starts to hold, adding water bit at a time until dough holds together when squeezed.

2 Turn out dough into bowl and knead lightly into a smooth dough. Shape into flat square. On sheet of parchment paper with a floured rolling pin, roll out to a 9-inch (23 cm) square, about 1/2-inch (1 cm) thick. Slide onto a baking sheet and refrigerate 20 mins or until cold.

3 Using knife, cut square into 8 equal strips. On diagonal, make seven cuts along each strip, about 1 inch (2.5 cm) apart, into 56 diamonds (there will be triangles at the ends of the strips – either press together into diamonds or bake as triangles). Lightly brush tops



► This recipe makes about 56 diamonds.

with egg white and sprinkle with coarse sea salt. Separate shortbread pieces on the parchment so they are at least 1/2 inch (1 cm) apart.

4 In preheated 350 F (180 C) oven, bake one sheet at a time, for 27 mins or until firm and just starting to turn golden around the edges. Let cool on pan 3 mins. then transfer to rack. Serve

warm or let cool.
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BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFES-
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COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV
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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) coarsely chopped sweet red pepper
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) shredded Canadian Old White Cheddar cheese (about 6 oz/

- 175 g)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) cold butter, cut into cubes
- 2 cups (500 mL) all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) granulated sugar

- 1 tsp (5 mL) ancho chili powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) water (approx.)
- 1 egg white, beaten
- Coarse sea salt

Love wine – inside & out

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I'm glad you can't tell a wine by its label. If you could, there'd be an awful lot of boring juice on the shelves.

You can blame the trend in ho-hum bottle bling on the critter label backlash a few years back. Once customers got sick of cartoon animals on their wine bottles, marketers couldn't sink the ark fast enough and set sail on the good ship mundane.

Argentina and South Africa are major offenders. Their sections look like wallpaper with cookie cutter labels.

I have a place in my heart for any winery that shows as much inventiveness outside the bottle as it does in. The People's 2010 Pinot Noir (\$16.95 - \$19.99) from New Zealand wins on both fronts.

Designed by artist Martin Poppelwell, its label font has an urban vibe reminiscent of a bistro's chalkboard wine list.

The liquid has oozes plump strawberry and subtle tannins, which pairs well with roast poultry. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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Stretching meals



Some cheeses, such as stretch mozzarella, have unique melting and stretching abilities. Here are two ways to enjoy it.

1. Replace cheddar with mozzarella in burritos, quesadillas and enchiladas to put a new twist on fiesta favourites.
2. Sprinkle shredded stretch mozzarella on soup and enjoy the buttery strings of cheese with every spoonful.

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Oilers preview

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Friday, 7:30 p.m.
TV: SNET



The Oilers (25-32-6) host Dallas (33-26-5), which lost 4-3 to Pittsburgh Wednesday, snapping its four-game winning streak. Jamie Benn scored in the loss, his first game back from a leg injury suffered Feb. 16. Mike Ribeiro is on an eight-game point streak, with three goals and eight assists. February was Kari Lehtonen's best month since October, with a 2.10 goals-against average and .925 save percentage in 14 starts.

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► Blue Jays pitcher Dustin McGowan at live batting practice at spring training on Tuesday.

McGowan looks to repay Blue Jays

► Toronto stuck with the pitcher for years as he battled injuries

Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Dustin McGowan is grateful the organization stuck with him during his long road back from injuries.

He's ready to prove that he's worth the wait.

For the first time since 2008, McGowan's off-season routine was not overloaded with shoulder rehabilitation. He finally feels fresh again and will get a chance this spring to show he belongs in Toronto's starting rotation.

"Any other organization I might have been done, I might have been looking for a new team," McGowan said Thursday. "But (GM) Alex (Anthopoulos) stuck with me and I'm glad the (organization) did. Now it's

"I know the numbers don't look great (from 2011) but I thought the stuff was outstanding. I'm probably as excited about him as I am about any of our starters."

JAYS GM ALEX ANTHOPOULOS ON DUSTIN MCGOWAN,
WHO WAS 0-2 WITH A 6.43 EARNED-RUN AVERAGE LAST SEASON

my turn to return the favour to them and I hope I do that."

The six-foot-three, 235-pound right-hander has shown flashes of brilliance since making his big-league debut in 2005.

After an impressive 12-10 campaign in 2007, McGowan underwent surgery the following year to repair fraying of the labrum in his right shoulder. He underwent another procedure

two years later to repair a torn right rotator cuff.

Despite the physical and mental drain, McGowan never lost sight of his goal of a big-league return and stuck it out over a seemingly endless run of rehab.

His hard work paid off last September when he made his first major-league appearance in over three years. It was a key building block for the 29-year-old Savannah, Ga., native, who

has been in great spirits during opening week of camp at the team's spring training facility in Dunedin, Fla.

It wasn't easy to maintain focus when he was out of action. McGowan was determined to persevere even when questions about the future crept into his mind. "There were some times you have thoughts of, 'Am I ever going to pitch again?'" he said. "I'd be lying if I said I didn't have those thoughts."

"It was those days that I went out and threw and my arm felt really good and I said, 'I know it's there.' So I needed to work harder to get it to be a consistent thing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Return to Ottawa just one challenge for CFL's top dog

Mark Cohon's second tour of duty as CFL commissioner looks to be a busy one.

Last month, Cohon signed a three-year extension to continue on the job he assumed in 2007 when he succeeded Tom Wright. Cohon has helped bring stability to the league but there is plenty more to do.

This year's Grey Cup at Toronto's Rogers Centre marks the 100th anniversary of the CFL's championship game. Once that's done, there will be negotiations on a new television deal — the present one with TSN expires after the 2013 season.

And in 2014, Cohon hopes the league will be back in Ottawa with an expansion franchise kicking off its return in a new Frank Clair Stadium.

The 45-year-old Cohon says he still loves the challenge.

"It's work that in the end you know you're really making an impact, a difference, not even just for the teams and the players but also the country," Cohon said in an interview. "And that's when you wake up and say, 'Hey, I have a job that really matters,' and that's why I like it."

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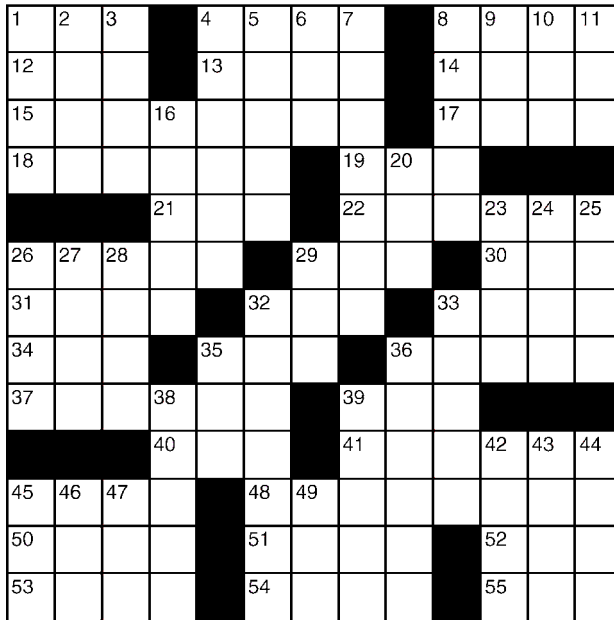
Crossword

Across

1 Matterhorn, for one
4 Dull sound of impact
8 Equipment
12 Debtor's letters
13 Leak out slowly
14 Advantage
15 Not imported
17 Crucifix
18 Meager
19 Resistance measure
21 Solidify
22 Countrified
26 Deluge
29 Oktoberfest vessel
30 Eventual aves
31 Carry on
32 Predicament
33 Get ready quickly?
34 Praise in verse
35 Festive
36 React to reveille
37 Occult
39 Exist
40 Wapiti
41 Mr. pluralized
45 Entreaty
48 Doubter of a sort
50 Towel designation
51 Dirt
52 Commotion
53 Challenge
54 Old portico
55 Evergreen type

Down

1 Lends a hand
2 Aerobatic maneuver
3 Wild cat
4 Threw
5 "Monopoly" building
6 9mm submachine



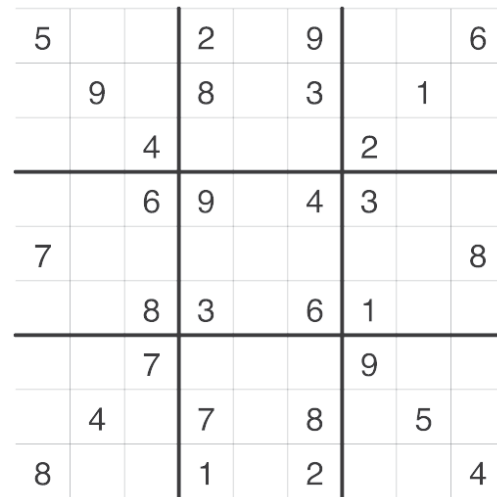
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7 Propriety
8 Bacteria
9 Maestro de Waart
10 Past
11 Roulette bet
16 Cereal disease
20 Embrace
23 Actress Spelling
24 Currier's partner
25 Superhero costume feature
26 Gift-tag word
27 "— and the Tramp"
28 Individuals
29 Has potential

32 Fool
33 Fourth estate
35 Grissom of "CSI"
36 Colored part of the iris
38 Make fun of
39 Prenatal exam, for short
42 Remain
43 Take the bus
44 Garbage barge
45 Third degree?
46 Meadow
47 Blunder
49 "— milk?"

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

A look at the weather

TODAY
Min -16°
Max -1°

SATURDAY
Min -5°
Max 1°

SUNDAY
Min -3°
Max 3°

Michele McDougall
Weather Specialist

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes". WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM

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The Bus Driver
I am so happy when I am with you. I hope it never stops. I hope you stay for a very long time. I hope our lives continue together. xoxoxoxoxox. **CRAZY NUBBS**

BlueLion, Hope you find somewhere in your heart to forgive me, I know our love can battle anything that comes our way. This a grey cloud that will soon be a beautiful sunshine. I am not giving up on us and neither will I give up on our love.
PURPLEPANDA

My handsome hero
It hurts so much that you are not with me my handsome knight and hero, I keep you in my thoughts and dreams every night, please don't stay away forever, I will wait forever as I promised. **YOUR LADY**

you, And i will never give up on our love,,,ever!
YOUR LADY

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

As mind planet Mercury moves into your sign, you must set your sights higher. Aim for the top.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

You need to branch out on your own and do things that benefit you, not other people. That might sound a bit selfish but it's OK.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You may be a bit quiet today. But with Mercury moving into the friendship area of your chart, you won't be withdrawn for long.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Some comments that come your way today will be unflattering but there is no point reacting to them.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Your life is complicated enough as it is without taking on even more responsibilities. You should be looking for ways to do less.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Hold out for what you are worth, even if those who control the purse strings warn that you risk ending up with nothing.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

What looks like a setback early in the day will turn out to be just what you need later in the day.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Some things are important and some things are not. Leave the trivial stuff for trivial people.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

21 Focus on what you enjoy doing today, even if loved ones keep telling you it isn't productive.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You may be tempted to take some kind of gamble today, most likely because someone you are close to emotionally expects it of you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

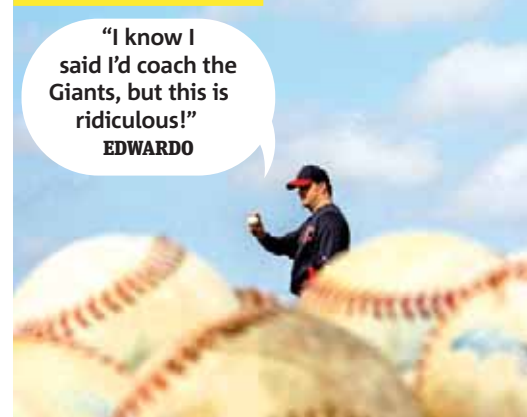
Keep things simple over the next 24 hours and ignore the nagging thought you are not using your time and energy as wisely.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

There are wonderful opportunities coming your way. Luck is what you make of it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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